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Opportunity to Object  
Deer Valley 4wd Trail Meadow Restoration and  
Blue Lakes/Meadow Lake Road Maintenance  
Project

USDA Forest Service  
Amador Ranger District  
Eldorado National Forest  
Alpine County, Ca

As the Responsible Official, Richard G. Hopson has prepared a draft Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) selecting Alternative 3, the modified seasonal closure, for the Deer Valley 4wd Trail Meadow Restoration and Blue Lakes/Meadow Lake Road Maintenance Environmental Assessment (EA). Under Alternative 3, routes 19E01 and 09N01 will be re-opened to public motorized wheeled vehicles and meadow restoration and road maintenance activities would occur. Actions include streambank restoration, trail hardening, a trail reroute on the Deer Valley 4wd trail, and road maintenance activities along Blue Lakes/Meadow Lakes Road. In addition, the project would implement a Forest Order prohibiting wheeled motorized vehicle travel on 19E01 and 9N01 for six weeks following documented snow melt at the Blue Lakes snow gauge station to protect the Yosemite toad, which is a federally listed threatened species.

The project area is located between the areas of Meadow Lake and Lower Blue Lake along Meadow Lake Road (9N01), Section 30, 25, and 26 T.9 N., R 18 E., M.D.B.&M. and along Deer Valley 4wd trail (19E01), Section 5, T.8 N., R 19 E., M.D.B.&M.

Copies of the EA and draft DN/FONSI are available for review on the Eldorado National Forest website at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=45439](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45439) or [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects). To obtain a hard copy of the EA, please contact Matt Brown, IDT Leader, 530-647-5390 or [mrbrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:mrbrown@fs.fed.us).

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in the Mountain Democrat. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Laurence Crabtree, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest; Attn: "Deer Valley 4wd Trail and Blue Lakes/Meadow Lake Road; 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 621-5206. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (530 621-5297), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: [objections-pacificsouthwest-eldorado@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pacificsouthwest-eldorado@fs.fed.us) with Subject: Deer Valley 4wd Trail and Blue Lakes/Meadow Lake Road.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Documents may be incorporated by reference only, as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

For additional information, please contact: Matt Brown, Placerville Ranger District, 4260 Eight Mile Road, CA 95709, Phone: (530) 647-5390 or Email: [mrbrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:mrbrown@fs.fed.us).